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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed May 2, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein.

Claim Summary

Claims 18-23 and 29-33 remain in the present application. Claims 1-17 and 24-28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 34-48 have been added to the present application.

Allowed Subject Matter

The May 2, 2007 Office Action allowed claims 32 and 33, and dependent claims 18, 19, 29, and 30 were allowable, but depended from rejected base claims.

Applicant has amended claims 18 and 29 to convert them to independent form. Claim 19 has been amended to depend from amended claim 18, and claim 30 has been amended to depend from amended claim 29. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18, 19, 29, and 30, as amended, are now in condition for allowance.

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Claim Rejections

Claims 1-9, 11-17, and 20-27 were rejected under either 35 USC 102 or 35 USC 103 in light of one or more of the following references (collectively referred to herein as "the cited references"):

- US Patent 6,906,674 issued to McKinzie, et al.;
- US Patent Application 2002/0021250 by Asano, et al.;
- US Patent 6,339,400 issued to Flint, et al.;
- US Patent 6,452,551 issued to Chen; and
- US Patent Application 2002/0190905 by Flint, et al.

Claims 1-9, 11-17, and 24-27 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection of such claims moot.

Applicant has amended the remaining rejected claims, 20-23, to depend from allowable claim 18. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 20-23, as amended, are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons that claim 18 is allowable.

New Claims

New claims 34-48 all depend from allowable claim 18. Therefore, for at least the reasons that claim 18 is allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 34-48 are allowable over the cited references.

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